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SUBJECT: Advisor to the Secretary of Defense for Net Assessment

References: (a) Title 10, United States Code

(b) DoD Directive 5111.9, "Director of Net Assessment," March 22, 1995 (hereby canceled)

(c) [DoD Directive 8910.1](#), "Management and Control of Information Requirements," June 11, 1993

1. PURPOSE

This Directive:

1.1. Establishes, pursuant to the authorities provided in reference (a), the position of Advisor to the Secretary of Defense for Net Assessment, with the responsibilities, functions, relationships, and authorities as prescribed herein.

1.2. This Directive cancels reference (b).

2. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD Components").

3. DEFINITION

Net Assessment. The comparative analysis of military, technological, political, economic, and other factors governing the relative military capability of nations. Its purpose is to identify problems and opportunities that deserve the attention of senior defense officials.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS

4.1. The Advisor to the Secretary of Defense for Net Assessment is the advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USD(P)) and the Secretary of Defense on all net assessment matters.

4.2. The Advisor to the Secretary of Defense for Net Assessment shall:

4.2.1. Develop and coordinate net assessments of the standing, trends, and future prospects of the U.S. military capabilities and military potential in comparison with those of other countries or groups of countries in order to identify emerging or future threats or opportunities for the United States.

4.2.2. Develop, advise, and consult on the net assessment portion of the Annual Report of the Secretary of Defense to the President and Congress, congressional testimony, and foreign government discussions; and provide guidance for the preparation of net assessments by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

4.2.3. Provide guidance and staff assistance and represent the USD(P) in the development of national net assessments by the National Security Council, and act as the primary OSD focal point on behalf of the USD(P) for joint efforts with the Intelligence Community to produce net assessments.

4.2.4. Provide support for the improvement and development of net assessments within the Department of Defense, including, but not limited to, the maintenance of a library of historical all-source intelligence and friendly force data.

4.2.5. Provide analyses of policy, doctrine, strategy, goals, and objectives as requested or determined necessary.

4.2.6. Supervise and oversee the Office of Net Assessment at the National Defense University (NDU).

4.2.7. Coordinate with DoD officials, as necessary, to ensure that Departmental documents, deliberation, and discussions reflect appropriate, up-to-date assessment information.

4.2.8. Perform such other functions as the USD(P) or the Secretary of Defense may prescribe.

5. RELATIONSHIPS

5.1. In the performance of assigned functions and responsibilities, the Advisor to the Secretary of Defense for Net Assessment shall:

5.1.1. Report to the USD(P) for policy direction and tasking, and the President, NDU for administrative matters. Substantive analysis, advice and recommendations shall be submitted directly to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense or the USD(P), as required.

5.1.2. Exchange information with OSD officials, Heads of the DoD Components, and other Federal officials having collateral or related functions.

5.1.3. Use existing facilities and services of the Department of Defense and other Federal Agencies, when practicable, to avoid duplication and to achieve maximum efficiency and economy.

5.2. The Advisor to the Secretary of Defense for Net Assessment will receive administrative support from the NDU and other DoD Components as shall be specified in written agreements with appropriate DoD officials.

5.3. OSD officials and Heads of DoD Components shall coordinate with the Advisor to the Secretary of Defense for Net Assessment on all matters related to the responsibilities and functions cited in section 4., above.

6. AUTHORITIES

The Advisor to the Secretary of Defense for Net Assessment is hereby delegated authority to:


6.1. Obtain reports, information, advice, and assistance, consistent with DoD Directive 8910.1 (reference (c)), as necessary to carry out assigned functions.

6.2. Communicate directly with the Heads of the DoD Components. Communications to the Commanders of the Combatant Commands shall be transmitted through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

6.3. Communicate with other Government officials, representatives of the legislative branch, members of the public, and representatives of foreign governments, as appropriate, in carrying out assigned functions.

7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rudy de Leon'.

Rudy de Leon
Deputy Secretary of Defense